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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**FORMER BANK TELLER SENTENCED FOR
EMBEZZLEMENT**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that LISA STEVENS, 37, of Petersburg, Indiana, was sentenced to 6 months of imprisonment, in the Federal Bureau of Prisons and a community corrections work release facility, today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following a guilty plea to embezzlement by a bank employee. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

STEVENS plead guilty in court today immediately before she was sentenced. During her guilty plea STEVENS admitted that she embezzled \$70,000 while working as a bank teller at the Washington, Indiana, branch of Peoples Bank between May 1, 2002 and August 8, 2003. STEVENS testified that she was addicted to methamphetamine at the time and that she used the money she took from the bank to buy methamphetamine to feed her habit.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 3 years of supervised release. During the period of supervised release STEVENS must undergo drug testing and must make restitution in the amount of \$70,000.

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